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SUBJECT: UNIFIL - RELATIONS WITH HADDAD

REF: (A) USUN 2448, (B) BEIRUT 3279

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. "JERUSALEM POST" JUNE 15 CARRIES
FRONT-PAGE STORY HEADLINED "SIILASVUO WANTS EMERGENCY MEETING
ON HADDAD'S ROLE IN BORDER AREA." REPORTING ON SIILASVUO'S
JUNE 14 TALKS IN BEIRUT, "POST" SAYS AFTER THE TALKS HOSS
"REAFFIRMED GOVERNMENT'S STAND THAT UN FORCE SHOULD BE
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RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY IN THE WHOLE SOUTHERN REGION
UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER WITH ISRAEL WITHOUT ANY
EXCEPTION." STORY SAYS UNNAMED BEIRUT OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED HADDAD
HAD NO POWER TO TAKE OVER THE BORDER REGION WHICH ISRAEL
VACATED ON TUESDAY ON BEHALF OF THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT.
HADDAD AND HIS MEN WERE ORDERED BY THE LEBANESE ARMY
COMMAND TO CONFINE THEMSELVES TO BARRACKS PENDING NEW

INSTRUCTIONS. MOREOVER, THE STATUS OF HADDAD HAD NOT BEEN DECIDED.

2. ARTICLE QUOTES SIILASVUO AS STATING AFTER THE MEETING

"THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT HAS REITERATED ITS POSITION THAT UNIFIL SHOULD ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN RESTORING ITS AUTHORITY IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MAIN TASKS OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORCES.

"ACCORDING TO RESOLUTION 425 OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, UNIFIL MUST BE DEPLOYED AND CONTROL ALL AREAS UP TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, I WISH TO CLARIFY THAT UNIFIL HAS NOT YET ACCOMPLISHED THAT OBJECTIVE BUT THE INTERIM FORCES WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO ACHIEVE IT."

3. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY SIILASVUO IS TO REQUEST EMERGENCY MEETING WITH WEIZMAN AND EITAN REGARDING ISRAELIS HANDING OF SOUTH LEBANON'S BORDER AREA OVER TO HADDAD'S MILITIAS.

4. FINAL PARAGRAPH SAYS ERSKINE WAS QUOTED JUNE 14 AS SAYING HE WAS COOPERATING WITH RIGHTIST MILITIAS BECAUSE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT TOLD HIM THEY REPRESENTED ITS AUTHORITY IN THE AREA. BUT A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN IN BEIRUT REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED ERSKINE'S STATEMENT AS STRICTLY UNFOUNDED. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. PRIETO AT UNME HQ SAYS STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO SIILASVUO IS ACCURATE AS IS DESCRIPTION OF HOSS'S POSITION. PREITO NOTES THERE ARE NUANCES BETWEEN SYG'S CHARACTERIZATION OF GOL'S POSITION ON HADDAD IN HIS REPORT TO SC (USUN 2448) AND WHAT SIILASVUO AND HE UNDERSTAND TO BE THE GOL'S POSITION BASED ON THEIR JUNE 14 MEETING. FINALLY, PRIETO SAYS SIILASVUO HAS NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST MEETING WITH WEIZMAN OR EITAN AND HAS NO CURRENT PLANS TO DO SO. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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